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1. Among East Berlin workers it was common talk, a week after the Berlin disorders of mid-June 1953, that only the presence of the Soviet troops prevented further outbreaks and demonstrations against the government of the DDR.
2. About 25 June Soviet tanks, guns, and personnel carriers were seen concentrated in groups, not dispersed as formerly. This was considered to be an indication that they would soon depart from Berlin.
3. Up to 28 June there had been no essential change in the border controls. The sector boundaries in Berlin were open only to qualified workers. Between West Berlin and the Russian zone, crossing points were open at the Glienicke Bridge and on Heerstrasse; in both cases movement was subject to a check of identification papers, although this check was only perfunctory at Glienicke Bridge. Private citizens and members of the eastern police believed that all extraordinary border controls would be lifted on 29 June.
4. The KVP was no longer in evidence on the sector boundaries by 28 June. Martial law was abolished in Kreis Bernau on 26 June.
5. Arrests continue in East Berlin. At one VEB factory in East Berlin 32 persons were arrested, but the public announcement gave the number as 15.

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6. Soviet soldiers claim that five mechanized divisions from the Ukraine are being transferred to the Breslau area, because trouble is expected there. It is further alleged that new Soviet armored units, including one which is now in Berlin, are to be transferred to Hungary and Rumania, where unrest is also reported.

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